

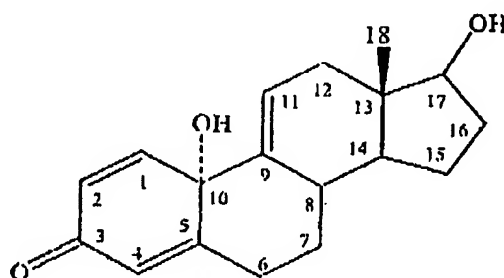
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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

1-5 (canceled).

6 (previously presented). A method for treating a patient diagnosed with at least one ophthalmic disorder, wherein said method comprises administering to the patient an effective amount of a steroidal quinol that is converted to a biologically active phenolic A-ring steroid compound *in vivo*, wherein the steroidal quinol has the general structure:



7 (previously presented). The method, according to claim 6, wherein steroidal quinol is derived from the estrogen analog 3,17-dihydroxyestra-1,3,5(10),9(11)-tetraene.

8 (previously presented). The method, according to claim 6, further comprising administering the quinol by a route selected from the group consisting of oral, topical, buccal, intramuscular, transdermal, intravenous, and subcutaneous.

9 (previously presented). The method, according to claim 6, wherein the ophthalmic disorders are selected from the group consisting of conjunctivitis, diabetic retinopathy, dry eye, macular degeneration, glaucoma, and cataracts.

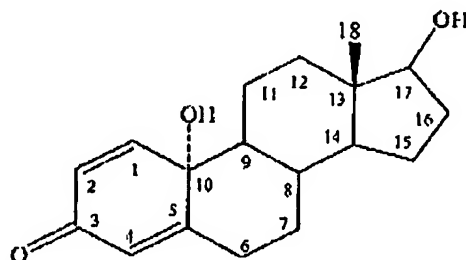
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10-12 (canceled)

13 (previously presented). A method for treating a patient diagnosed with at least one ophthalmic disorder, wherein said method comprises administering to the patient an effective amount of a steroidal quinol that is converted to a biologically active phenolic A-ring steroid compound *in vivo*, wherein the quinol has the general structure:



14 (previously presented). The method, according to claim 13, further comprising administering the quinol by a route selected from the group consisting of oral, topical, buccal, intramuscular, transdermal, intravenous, and subcutaneous.

15 (previously presented). The method, according to claim 13, wherein the ophthalmic disorders are selected from the group consisting of conjunctivitis, diabetic retinopathy, dry eye, macular degeneration, glaucoma, and cataracts.

16 (currently amended). A method for treating a patient diagnosed with at least one ophthalmic disorder, wherein said method comprises administering to the patient an effective amount of a steroidal quinol that is converted to a biologically active phenolic A-ring steroid compound *in vivo*, wherein the steroidal quinol is 2-(1-adamantyl)-3-hydroxyestra-1,3,5(10)-trien-17-one 2-(1-adamantyl)-10 β -hydroxyestra-1,4-diene-3,17-dione.

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17-20 (canceled).

21 (currently amended). A steroidal quinol that consists of 2-(1-adamantyl)-3-hydroxyestra-4,3,5(10)-trien-17-one-2-(1-adamantyl-10 β -hydroxyestra-1,4-diene-3,17-dione.

22 (currently amended). A pharmaceutical composition comprising 2-(1-adamantyl)-3-hydroxyestra-4,3,5(10)-trien-17-one-2-(1-adamantyl-10 β -hydroxyestra-1,4-diene-3,17-dione.

23 (previously presented). The method, according to claim 8, wherein the steroidal quinol is administered topically in the form of eye drops or membranous ocular eye patch.

24 (canceled).

25 (previously presented). The method, according to claim 14, wherein the steroidal quinol is administered topically in the form of eye drops or membranous ocular eye patch.

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